



Take I-40 to Exit 143.
Take Highway 13 North for 13 miles.
Take Highway 70 West to New Johnsonville,
and then follow the signs to the park.

Hours of Operation:

8:00 a.m. to sundown

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Johnsonville State Historic Area / 90 Redoubt Lane / New Johnsonville, TN 37134
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Tennessee State Parks / 401 Church St., 7th Floor / Nashville, TN 37243
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TENNESSEE STATE PARKS JOHNSONVILLE

STATE HISTORIC AREA





Johnsonville State Historic Area

is the site of a unique Civil War battle and the location of Johnsonville prior to the creation of Kentucky Lake. Located on the East bank of Kentucky Lake, three miles north of U.S. Hwy 70 and the town of New Johnsonville, this 600 acre park has a wide variety of plant and animal life. This park has been established to preserve and to protect the rich cultural and natural resources that exist.

Historical significance

Johnsonville, named for then Military Governor of Tennessee Andrew Johnson, was the site for a unique military victory. On November 4, 1864, Confederate Major General Nathan Bedford Forrest and his cavalry attacked and destroyed the river port depot of Johnsonville. Union losses included three gunboats, eleven transports, eighteen barges, and over 8 million dollars in lost supplies. The fall of Johnsonville represented not only a Confederate victory, but also the only record of a naval force being engaged and defeated by a cavalry force. The township of Johnsonville existed until the early 1940's when the Tennessee Valley Authority purchased the land in preparation for the forming of Kentucky Lake.

Picnic Pavilions and Playgrounds

Johnsonville has two small picnic shelters that will accommodate 12-16 people each. Both picnic shelters have grills; one has restrooms nearby. The park also has 29 open picnic sites with tables and most with grills. All picnic areas are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Johnsonville has one multifunction playground and two playgrounds with swings only. A basketball goal provides additional enjoyment for visitors.

Boating

Johnsonville does not have any boat launches. The park can be accessed by boat from the Tennessee River, Kentucky Lake and Trace Creek.

Fishing

Johnsonville State Historic Park offers year round bank fishing. Catfish, brim, bass, and shell-crackers are the most abundant catch for anglers. A Tennessee Fishing License is required.

Hiking

Johnsonville has over six miles of hiking trails ranging from easy to very rugged. They are all contained within the park's boundaries and do not join any other trail system.

Planned Programs

A variety of planned programs and activities including guided tours, slide shows and wildlife presentations are available. The Wildlife Presentation, History of Tennessee and Battle of Johnsonville programs are offered year-round and travel to schools.

Nearby Attractions

- Humphreys County Museum and Civil War Fort, Waverly, 10 miles
- Loretta Lynn's Ranch, Hurricane Mills, 20 miles
- Patsy Cline Memorial, Camden, 15 miles
- Fort Donelson, Dover, 40 miles

Other Nearby State Parks

- Nathan Bedford Forrest State Park, 18 miles
- Natchez Trace State Park, 45 miles
- Montgomery Bell State Park, 43 miles

Annual Events

- Bluegrass Festival, Eva, TN, September
- Music on the Square, Waverly, TN, Saturdays, June through August

